Suggestion for Improvement of Roads by ONGC

1824. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission suggested inprovement of roads in Godavari-Krishna basin;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration they are; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) had requested Government of Andhra Pradesh for strengthening of roads and bridges in K G. Basin. In response the State Government requested ONGC to advance the required amount as loan for his purpose. ONGC agreed to advance interest bearing loan to be adjusted against royalty payable by ONGC to the State Government. The matter is under discussion/negotiations between ONG and Government of Andhra Pradesh

Extra Expenditure Incurred by ONGC on the purchase of Chemical

1825. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission has incurred an extra expenditure of Rs. 70 lakns on the purchase of a Chemical;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether responsibility has been fixed against the erring officials; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As per the COPU's 59th Report presented to the Parliament in July 1989, an extra expenditure of Rs. 70.3 lakhs was incured to airfreight 300 MT of a chemical called PPD through Air India and shipment of 200 MT of PPD in packed containers. This expenditure was incurred for getting the material on priority basis to meet the operational requirements.

(d) and (e) As per the recommendations made in the aforesaid COPU Report, the case was referred to CBI for a probe. CBI in its Report had recommended departmental action against 6 officers of ONGC and on that basis departmental action has been initiated against all these officers except one Board level officer as it was found that no charge of omission was sustainable against him in any departmental enquiry.

Exploration of Oil|Gas inBihar

1826. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission has decided to stop exploration of oil and gas in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether exploration was done to the target depth in Kadmaha-I;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the achievement made in the exploration so far there?